GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2492
ANSWERED ON:04.12.2007
RURAL EMPLOYMENT GENERATION PROGRAMME
Sharma Shri Madan Lal

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is implementing the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) throughout the country for promoting agro based industries including vegetable and herbal products based agro industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the assistance granted for promoting herbal and vegetable based products, State-wise and UT-wise; and

(d) the details of the employment generated through REGP during each of the last three years, State and UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a) & (b): The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has been implementing a Central Sector credit-linked subsidy programme, titled the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP), in collaboration with the Khadi and Village Industries Boards (KVIBs) of the respective States/Union Territories (UTs). Under REGP, eligible entrepreneurs are assisted in establishing village industries, including agro and food processing industry units which also comprise vegetable and herbal products based industries, by availing of loans from public sector scheduled commercial banks, selected regional rural banks, cooperative banks, etc., and margin money assistance (subsidy) from the KVIC, for projects with a maximum cost of Rs. 25 lakh.

(c) REGP is a Central Sector scheme and the approved grants for the scheme are released to the KVIC which, in turn, releases the funds (towards margin money assistance) to the banks against the projects sanctioned in each State/Union Territory (UT). The State/UT − wise details of margin money assistance provided for the agro and food processing industry group of the village industries under the REGP which also comprise vegetable and herbal products based industries, during 2006-07 are given at Annex. I.

(d): The State/UT - wise details of employment estimated to have been generated under REGP, during 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 are given at Annex. II.